

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Matthew John Baker

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**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals
and Interferences-Large Entity**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated May 8, 2006 and an Advisory Action dated October 30, 2006, in which claims 1-22 and 24-39 were finally rejected or twice rejected.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Accompanying this response is the necessary fee under § 1.17(a)(1) of \$1,020.00. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if additional fees are due for additional extensions of time and are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.

Respectfully submitted,

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